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WASHINGTON, November 21, 1983 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 642 in October, compared with 416 in September and 884 in October 1982, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first 10 months of 1983 totaled 4,908, compared with 7,191 during the same period a year ago.

A total of 736 cars were placed in service in October, compared with 460 in September and 1,037 in October a year ago. Deliveries during the first 10 months of this year came to 4,512, compared with 17,070 at the same time in 1982.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of November 1 was 3,368, compared with 3,756 on October 1, and 5,597 on November 1, 1982. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 4,105, compared with 9,792 at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 43 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in October, compared with 37 in September and 31 in October 1982.

As of November 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 128, compared with 158 on October 1, and 86 on November 1, 1982.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives on November 1 totaled 25,768, compared with 25,913 on October 1, and 27,234 on November 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	October		September	Ten Months	
	1983	1982	1983	1983	1982
Built New by Car Builders	736	650	458	4,210	14,536
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	240	2	202	1,348
Built New - Total	736	890	460	4,412	15,884
Rebuilt	0	147	0	100	1,186
TOTAL DELIVERED	736	1,037	460	4,512	17,070
Locomotives	43	31	37	198	388

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	642	134	416	4,806	5,841
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	750	0	2	750
To be built New - Total	642	884	416	4,808	6,591
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	100	600
TOTAL ORDERED	642	884	416	4,908	7,191

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

1	November 1		October 1	Average	
	1983	1982	1983	1983	1982
To be built New by Car Builders	3,368	4,710	3,756	4,050	8,575
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	573	0	28	858
To be built New - Total	3,368	5,283	3,756	4,078	9,433
To be rebuilt	0	314	0	27	359
TOTAL ON ORDER	*3,368	5,597	3,756	4,105	9,792
Locomotives	128	86	158	121	155

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*Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the November 1, 1983 backlog has been reduced by 294 cars.